



## Fuel and Energy conservation

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### All Airmen can do their part to conserve our resources

As Airmen, we all have a responsibility to our country and the environment to conserve fuel and energy.

Our Air Force leaders recognize this, and recently met to discuss the service's strategic viewpoint on fuel conservation.

As the Department of Defense's greatest fuel consumer, the Air Force must examine every aspect of fuel consumption while maintaining its core competencies and power-projection capabilities, said Col. Anne Dunlap, Air Force Conduct Air, Space and Cyber Operations (CASCO) who is a core team leader at the Pentagon.

Leaders from the major commands gathered to examine multiple aspects of fuel-savings potential, such as simulation, aircraft training, logistics efficiencies, scheduling, acquisition and technology developments and flying operations."

The group used Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st century techniques during the event, looking at the Air Force vision for fuels efficiency, goals for air operations and barriers to success to build a game plan for how to best conserve fuel efficiently and effectively.

Colonel Dunlap said AFSSO 21, which standardizes work practices to eliminate waste, works best when it is used continually to improve processes.

What does this mean to you? This means we all need to review our daily routines and find ways to do our part. Whether it's turning out the lights when we leave the room, using our government vehicles only when necessary or making sure our mission requirements are not excessive, we all can do our part to conserve energy and fuel.

"The team's vision states it best -- aircraft are extremely expensive to operate. Fuel is a vital national resource and the Air Force is committed to save every ounce without degrading overall effectiveness or readiness," Colonel Dunlap said.

As Airmen, we need to help with that commitment.

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